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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S COMMENTS ON ELECTRICITY CRISIS

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1. REVEALING THE INCREASING PRESSURE WHICH HE IS RECEIVING ON THIS SUBJECT, PRESIDENT BALAGUER BEGAN HIS HOUR-LONG TELEVISED ADDRESS TO THE NATION OCTOBER 10 WITH DETAILED COMMENTARY ON ELECTRICAL GENERATING CRISIS. HE CITED THE WIDESPREAD INCONVENIENCES AND COMPLAINTS ENGENDERED BY FREQUENT BLACKOUTS, AND OUTLINED THE DOMINICAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S CURRENT GENERATOR PURCHASING PLAN, I.E., FOUR 30MW GASS TURBINES AND TWO 80 MW THERMAL ELECTRICR UNITS. HE DEVOTED SOME TIME TO THE TWO GAS UNITS DESTINED FOR SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS AND BARAHONA, POINTING OUT THAT THEY WOULD BE IN OPERATION "AT THE END OF THIS MONTH". SURPRISINGLY, BALAGUER CONCLUDED THIS SECTION OF THE SPEECH BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE GODR WAS INVESTIGATING PROBABLE SABOTAGE "FOR POLITICAL REASONS" OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, A POSSIBILITY MOST OBSERVERS CONSDIER EXTREMELY REMOTE.

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2. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT YET

BEEN INFORMED OF WESTINGHOUSE'S RECENT REVALATION THAT IT CANNOT
MEET ITS PROMISED DEADLINE FOR INSTALLATION OF THE TWO GAS TURBINES,
OR THE PRESIDENT MAY INTEND TO BREAK THE BAD NEWS TO THE DOMINICAN
PEOPLE GRADUALLY.
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